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SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF EC/TURKEY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 9957 (NOTAL) (B) EC BURSELS 9946

1. THE EC COMMISSION SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 14 THAT SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES' HOSPITALIZATION (REFTEL A) HAS NECESSITATED POSTPONEMENT OF THE EC/TURKEY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL, WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 16 IN ISTANBUL. AN EC COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE STATED THAT THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL, WOULD CONSULT TURKEISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL WITH A VIEW TO RESCHEDULING THE MEETING ASSOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT, IN THE MEANTIME, PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEETING WOULD CONTINUE IN THE EC/TURKEY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE.

2. COMMENT: IT IS SYMPOTOMATIC OF THE FRAGILE STATE

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OF EC/TURKISH RELATIONS THAT SOAMES' HOSPITALIZATION BECAME

THE CAUSE FOR CALLING OFF THIS MEETING. IN FACT, IT SEEMS MORE
THAT LIKELY THAT SOAMES' ILLNESS SERVED AS A NOT UNWELCOME
PRETEXT FOR AVOIDING AN ENCOUNTER WHICH ALREADY LOOKED LIKE
A LOSER IN TERMS OF RESOLVING CURRENT ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO
SIDES.MORRIS

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